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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KISSELL) (during the vote). There is 1 minute remaining in this vote.

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Messrs. POE of Texas and BURTON of Indiana changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I regret missing floor votes on Wednesday, May 20, 2009, as I was attending my son's high school graduation in Iowa. If I was present, I would have voted:

"Yea" on rollcall 273, agreeing to H. Res. 456, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 627) to amend the Truth in Lending Act to establish fair and transparent practices relating to the extension of credit under open end consumer credit plan, and for other purposes.

"Yea" on rollcall 274, On Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 457, Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2352) to amend the Small Business Act, and for other purposes.

"Aye" on rollcall 275, agreeing to H. Res. 457, Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2352) to amend the Small Business Act, and for other purposes.

"Aye" on rollcall 276, Concur In All But Sec. 512 of Senate Amdt. to H.R. 627, Credit Cardholders Bill of Rights Act of 2009.

"Nay" on rollcall 277, Concur In Sec. 512 of Senate Amdt. to H.R. 627, Credit Cardholders Bill of Rights Act of 2009.

"Aye" on rollcall 278, On Motion to suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Res. 297, Recognizing May 25, 2009, as National Missing Childrens Day.

"Aye" on rollcall 279, On Agreeing to the Kratovil of Maryland Amendment to H.R. 2352, Job Creation Through Entrepreneurship Act of 2009.

"Aye" on rollcall 280, On Motion to recommit H.R. 2352, Job Creation Through Entrepreneurship Act of 2009.

"Yea" on rollcall 281, On Passage of H.R. 2352, Job Creation Through Entrepreneurship Act of 2009.

AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN ENGROSSMENT OF H.R. 2352, JOB CREATION THROUGH ENTREPRENEURSHIP ACT OF 2009

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Clerk be authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross-references, and to make other necessary technical and conforming corrections in the engrossment of H.R. 2352.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from New York?

There was no objection.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Ms. Wanda Evans, one of his secretaries.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PRO-VIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE REPORT ON S. 454, WEAPON SYSTEM ACQUISITION REFORM ACT OF 2009

Mr. CARDOZA, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 111–125) on the resolution (H. Res. 463) providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the Senate bill (S. 454) to improve the organization and procedures of the Department of Defense for the acquisition of major weapon systems, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PRO-VIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 915, FAA REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2009

Mr. CARDOZA, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 111–126) on the resolution (H. Res. 464) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 915) to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2009 through 2012, to improve aviation safety and capacity, to provide stable funding for the national aviation system, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

ROSLYN LITTMAN SCHULTE

(Mr. MURPHY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MURPHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a very sad duty of reporting the tragic passing of Roslyn Littman Schulte, who was taken from us by a roadside bomb just north of Kabul earlier today while serving our country.

Roslyn Schulte was a first lieutenant in the United States Air Force, an intelligence officer, and the younger sister of my chief of staff, and a great friend of this body, Todd Schulte.

Roslyn Schulte was born March 18, 1984, in St. Louis, Missouri. She was a graduate of John Burroughs High School in St. Louis, and attended the United States Air Force Academy, where she graduated in 2006. She was deployed to Afghanistan on February 18 of this year.

Like so many patriotic Americans, Lieutenant Schulte was willing to give her life in service to all of us and to her country. The expression of our gratitude to her is beyond words.

Roslyn is survived by her parents, Bob and Suzy Schulte, and her brother, Todd. The thoughts and prayers of a grateful Nation are with the Schulte family and with Roslyn's fellow troops and friends at this difficult time.

As we stand on this floor and debate the profound issues of our times, let us never forget the true cost of the freedoms that we so often take for granted.

NOMINATION OF DAWN JOHNSEN

(Mr. CANTOR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with deep and growing concern over President Obama's nomination of Dawn Johnsen to head up the Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel. My worry isn't merely her position on the question of life. It's that she routinely has taken hard-line stances and made extreme statements that cast doubt on her fitness to manage the power entrusted to her in a responsible way.

Ms. Johnsen has claimed that abortion restrictions "reduce pregnant women to no more than fetal container." Her arguments have compared pro-life advocates to the KKK and pregnancy to slavery.

The Office of Legal Counsel does not need an activist. It needs someone with a temperament to accurately inform the administration on the legality of policies being contemplated.

I encourage Members of the Senate, including my Senator from Virginia, Senator WEBB, to vote against this nomination.

HONORING ROSLYN LITTMAN SCHULTE

(Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I too today rise with a heavy heart. We learned early this morning that America lost a great patriot, Roslyn Littman Schulte, who was killed this morning just north of Kabul by a roadside bomb.

First Lieutenant Schulte, an intelligence officer in the United States Air Force, was serving in Afghanistan. She was only 25 years old.

A 2006 graduate of the United States Air Force Academy, Roslyn was born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri.

I am heartbroken for a good friend of many of us, Todd Schulte, chief of staff to Congressman Scott Murphy, who is Roslyn's brother. It is on days like today that we must remind ourselves of the great sacrifices that members of the armed services and their families make in defense of freedom and the security of the United States.

My thoughts and prayers are with her parents, Bob and Suzy, her brother Todd, her extended family and her unit at this grievous time.

NOMINATION OF DAWN JOHNSEN

(Mr. THORNBERRY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, one of the key lessons from the release of legal memos analyzing interrogation techniques is the importance of the Office of Legal Counsel in the Justice Department. One may agree or disagree with the analysis used in the past, but they were quite clear and quite specific on what was allowed and what was not, down to the number of seconds that each technique could be used.

The lawyer's opinions were binding. If they had prohibited a technique, for example, that lowered a terrorist suspect's self-esteem, then that opinion would be binding too.

The importance of this position in our government is highlighted by the controversial nomination that President Obama has made for this position. The opinions of Professor Dawn Johnsen that she has expressed in the past, and her reluctance to provide clear answers today, call into question her opinions and whether they could be the basis upon which our national security professionals could do their job.

Our colleagues in the other body should be very cautious when considering this nomination when so much is at stake.

ARMY RESERVISTS FROM THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS WHO ARE SERVING IN KUWAIT

(Mr. SABLAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable men from the Northern Mariana Islands who are presently serving their country in Kuwait. These 78 heroic Army Reservists are members of Echo Company, 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry Regiment. The 442nd is well known for bravery under tough conditions, and that attitude is embodied in its motto: "Go for broke."

Echo Company is operating under tough conditions. This is the second deployment for this detachment since the U.S. went to war in the Middle East. The company was first sent into combat from August 2004 to February 2006 for 19 months. The current deployment began last August and will end sometime in September after another 14 months.

These are tough conditions. These soldiers must leave families behind, and their spouses must do their best on their own while praying for the safe return of their loved ones. And some do not return home. The Northern Marianas has already lost 11 individuals in the combat zone just in this war alone.

I have a special connection to Echo Company. I was one of the first volunteers for the 442nd when it was first established in the early 1980s in the Northern Marianas. More so, I know most of these men on a personal basis as family, friend or neighbor.

I stand before this body today with the utmost respect and gratitude to individuals from the Northern Marianas and from everywhere in America who bravely serve our Nation and its people.

To Echo Company, I say Godspeed and Si Yu'us Ma'a'se.

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NOMINATION OF DAWN JOHNSEN— LIFE ISSUES

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, the President has said we should find common ground on the issue of abortion, but his nomination of Dawn Johnsen to head up the Office of Legal Counsel is amongst the most controversial of his nominees.

Johnsen, who formerly worked for NARAL and the ACLU's Reproductive Freedom Project has compared pregnancy to involuntary servitude. She has described pregnant women as "losers in the contraceptive lottery." She criticized then Senator Clinton for claiming a need to keep abortions rare. Some of her positions encompass questionable legal arguments, including the assertion that abortion bans might undermine the 13th Amendment, which bans slavery.

I quote her here: "Statutes that curtail a woman's abortion choice are disturbingly suggestive of involuntary servitude, prohibited by the 13th Amendment, in that forced pregnancy requires a woman to provide continuous physical service to the fetus in order to further the State's asserted interest."

A quote again: "Our position is that there is no 'father' and no 'child'—just a fetus. Any move by the courts to force a woman to have a child amounts to involuntary servitude."

I and millions of other women do not feel this way. We cherish the opportunity to have borne a child.

THE LOSS OF AMERICA'S MANUFACTURING SECTOR

(Mr. ROE of Tennessee asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, Americans are tired of watching our manufacturing sector move overseas. We need to implement policies that encourage companies to invest here in America and that make the cost of doing business less expensive. Lowering corporate tax rates, creating tax incentives for purchasing new plant equipment and increasing depreciation allowances all would be helpful in expanding investment here.

Unfortunately, House Democrats are advancing cap-and-tax legislation that has many theoretical benefits but one absolute consequence—the loss of millions of American manufacturing jobs. The Democrats' response to global warming is to tax coal, of which we have hundreds of years of reserves, and to tax oil so that Americans will start using other power sources. Employers who are in globally competitive industries and who can't simply raise the cost of their goods will be forced to lay off even more people, as their factories close, to pay for a program that may or may not be necessary to reverse climate change.

I, for one, am not willing to sacrifice two American manufacturing jobs for every one green job. I hope all Americans will let their legislators know they don't want to pay higher taxes on energy while watching their jobs disappear.

NATIONAL ENERGY TAX

(Mr. PENCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PENCE. As we stand in Congress this evening, legislation on climate change continues to move through this body. As more Americans are realizing